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Major Robert Russa Moton of Hampton, whom a subcommittee of the board of trustees of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute unanimously selected as successor to the late Booker T. Washington, said in an interview that he intended to carry on the work of Tuskegee along the same rational lines which Doctor Washington had followed. "I accept this new responsibility," said Major Moton, "with anxious humility. Doctor Washington was truly a great man, viewed from every angle. I cannot fill his place, but with the guidance and support of Tuskegee's wise and sympathetic board of trustees, and with the earnest co-operation and loyal help of the faithful and efficient corps of workers whom Doctor Washington gathered about him at Tuskegee, I shall endeavor to the best of my ability to carry on the work to which he gave his life with the same spirit and with the same rational methods which he so wisely and so successfully used." Major Moton, it is known, was Doctor Washington's choice as his successor as leader of Tuskegee's work. The two men were intimate friends, held the same views as to the best methods for helping their race to a fuller citizenship, and often spoke from the same platform in the North and on the "educational tours" of the Southern states. The subcommittee which chose Major Moton was composed of Seth Low, Frank Trumbull, W. W. Campbell, Victor H. Tulane, and Edgar A. Bancroft. Mr. Low gave out the following statement: "The trustees of Tuskegee Institute at their meeting in Tuskegee, December 12, appointed the undersigned committee with power to select the principal, provided it could act unanimously. The committee today has, by unanimous action, appointed Major R. R. Moton to be principal. His installation will take place at the commencement next May. In taking this action, the committee has not been unmindful of the long devotion and many qualifications of Emmett J. Scott for the position. The problem to be dealt with is a many-sided one, and it has seemed wise to seek a solution of it that will bring to the work of Tuskegee another forceful personality." The late Booker T. Washington, in his book entitled "My Larger Education," had this to say of the man who is to succeed him as principal of the institution which Doctor Washington built up from a log cabin, and to which he devoted his life: "It has been my privilege to come into contact with many different types of people, but I know few men who are so lovable, and, at the same time, so sensible in their nature as Major Moton. He is check-full of common sense. Further than that he is a man who, without obtruding himself and without understanding how he does it, makes you believe in him from the very first time you see him and from your first contact with him, and, at the same time, makes you love him. He is the kind of man in whose company I always feel like being, never tired of, always want to be around him or always want to be near him.

"One of the continual sources of surprise to people who come for the first time into the southern states is to hear of the affection with which white men and women speak of the older generation of colored people with whom they grew up, particularly the old colored nurses. The lifelong friendships that exist between these old 'aunties' and 'uncles' and the white children with whom they were raised

is something that is hard for strangers to understand. It is just these qualities of human sympathy and affection that endeared so many of the older generation of Negroes to their masters and mistresses, and which seems to have found expression, in a higher form, in Major Moton. Although he has little schooling outside of what he was able to get at Hampton Institute, Major Moton is one of the best read men and one of the most interesting men to talk with I have ever met. Education has not 'spoiled' him, as it seems to have done in the case of some other educated Negroes. It has not embittered or narrowed him in his affections. He has not learned to hate or distrust any class of people, and he is just as ready to assist and show a kindness to a white man as to a black man, to a Southerner as to a Northerner.

How flies and mosquitoes carry disease was one of the phases treated in the exhibit on hygiene and sanitation made recently by the colored pupils of the Washington (D. C.) schools. The models in this were made by junior students of the schools, and will be used in instructing grade children as to the methods of keeping well. Right and wrong kind of dairies, right and wrong methods of supplying houses with drinking water, as well as a model of the District's water supply plant; right and wrong methods of disposing of garbage and trash, and how children may aid in keeping communities in which they live clean and healthful were included among the models displayed. One of the points of interest about this part of the quadruplex exhibit was that the cost of the material used was but slight. Old boxes, pasteboard, clay and illustrations cut from magazines were all used to good purpose. Miss Jessie Wormley of the normal faculty directed the students. Students taking the domestic science course under Miss Helen Irving compiled exhibits showing the various uses to which cotton is put, as well as its by-products. From the raw material to various finished products was shown through actual material and pictures, not only of cotton, but also of linen, wool, hemp, ramie, jute and silk. So far as is possible material and information furnished was used. The students made crayon pictures, showing various nutritive materials and units contained in the ordinary foods. Some of the most modern pieces of apparatus were on display in the laboratories under Charles M. Thomas, who has charge of the sciences in the school. The equipment for psychology tests is "up to the minute" and serves a double purpose—for instructing the embryo teachers in psychology and how they can best teach those who come under them, and for carrying on psychological experiments, particularly with defective children. Although the material used in the science department is always out, being in constant use, it is attracting wider attention now than ordinarily, in connection with the other exhibits. Teachers attending various institutes recently have inspected it, and had its use explained to them by Mr. Thomas.

The 90,000 waiters and kitchen attendants of the New York hotels and restaurants are being licensed. To do so they must pass a physical examination.

From 1790 to 1870 the actual work of gathering census statistics was performed by the United States marshals, and the enumerations varied in length from ten to eighteen months. In 1880 there was adopted the plan, followed at all subsequent censuses, of having this work done by a large body of enumerators under the direction of supervisors.

A recent investigation by Professor Haberlandt of Germany shows that living wood is of much food value, sapwood, twigs and branches containing large quantities of sugar, starch and oil, with some albumen. Soft woods contain much oil, hard woods much starch.

An electrical smoke abatement device has been invented whereby the particles of soot are charged by current led through fine wires in a smokestack until they unite and become heavy enough to fall into a receptacle.

A London railroad station has been equipped with penny-in-the-slot machines to sell tickets to persons who wish to accompany friends to trains.

A California inventor's wave power motor utilizes the horizontal motion of the water instead of the vertical, usually the case in such devices.

On a farm conducted by the municipality of Berlin cows are being milked in the fields by electrical machines deriving their power through cables.

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